

GUIDE TO SNO-PARKS IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION

SNO-PARK RECREATION

The SNO-PARK program is coordinated and administered by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Transportation, the California Highway Patrol, and various community organizations. Through this collaborative effort, winter recreation opportunities are provided at 19 SNO-PARK sites along the

Sierra Nevada. Distinctive brown highway signs located along highways identify the SNO-PARKs.

SNO-PARK

At each SNO-PARK, visitors have access to snow-cleared parking lots and sanitation facilities. The sites can accommodate self-guided



activities such as snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and general snow play. Snow conditions determine accessibility and opportunities available at each site.

SNO-PARKs are open seasonally between November 1st and May 30th. Visitors are required to display a parking permit* for each vehicle parked at a SNO-PARK. Day Use permits may be purchased for \$5.00 or a season permit for \$25.00 online at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/snoparks or from various vendors throughout California and Nevada. Check the website for a current list of vendors, or call the OHMVR Division at (916) 324-4442.



* Permits must be displayed on the driver's side of the vehicle's dashboard. Any vehicle parked in a SNO-PARK without a properly displayed permit is subject to an \$87.00 citation.

SNO-PARKS

1. YUBA PASS

Located on the south side of Highway 49 at Yuba Pass. **Contact:** Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District - (530) 994-3401.

GPS: 39°37'1.20"N, 120°29'23.10"W



2. YUBA GAP

Located on the south side of I-80 at the Yuba Gap exit. **Contact:** Snowflower General Store - (530) 389-9611.

GPS: 39°19'6.54"N, 120°36'8.70"W

No overnight parking, snowmobiling or busses

3. DONNER SUMMIT

Located on the south side of I-80 at the Castle Peak exit beyond Boreal Inn. **Contact:** Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District - (530) 587-3558.

GPS: 39°20'23.54"N, 120°20'38.25"W



4. BLACKWOOD CANYON

Located on the west side of Highway 89, three miles south of Tahoe City. **Contact:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit - (530) 543-2600.

GPS: 39°6'50.77"N, 120°9'30.12"W

No overnight parking

5. TAYLOR CREEK

Located on the south side of Highway 89, just north of Camp Richardson Road. **Contact:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit - (530) 543-2600.

GPS: 38°55'56.95"N, 120°3'27.61"W



6. ECHO LAKE

Located on the north side of Highway 50 at Echo Lake Road. **Contact:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit - (530) 543-2600.

GPS: 38°49'26.63"N, 120°2'2.69"W

No snowmobiling

7. HOPE VALLEY

Located on the south side of Highway 88 at Blue Lakes Road. **Contact:** Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District - (775) 882-2766.

GPS: 38°44'53.70"N, 119°56'23.34"W



8. CARSON PASS

Located on the south side of Highway 88 near Carson Pass. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

GPS: 38°41'42.72"N, 119°59'22.50"W

No snowmobiling

9. MEISS MEADOW

Located on the north side of Highway 88 near Carson Pass. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

GPS: 38°41'46.81"N, 119°59'30.28"W

No snowmobiling

10. IRON MOUNTAIN

Located on the north side of Highway 88 at Mormon-Emigrant Trail Road.

Contact: Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

GPS: 38°37'44.19"N, 120°12'49.87"W



11. LAKE ALPINE

Located at the winter closure gate on Highway 4. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District - (209) 795-1381.

GPS: 38°28'54.20"N, 120°1'2.46"W



12. SPICER

Located on the south side of Highway 4 at Spicer Road. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District - (209) 795-1381.

GPS: 38°25'44.44"N, 120°4'38.01"W



13. HIGHWAY 108

Located at the winter closure gate on Highway 108, east of Strawberry. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Summit Ranger District - (209) 965-3434.

GPS: 108, 38°16'1.47"N, 119°59'30.31"W



14. BALSAM MEADOWS

Located on the north side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake. **Contact:** Camp Edison - (559) 841-3134.

GPS: 37°9'33.79"N, 119°14'33.84"W

No snowmobiling

15. TAMARACK

Located on the south side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake.

Contact: Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°9'45.02"N, 119°12'8.50"W



16. COYOTE

Located on the north side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake.

Contact: Sierra National Forest, High

Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°10'3.20"N, 119°12'22.92"W

No snowmobiling

17. EASTWOOD

Located on the east side of Highway 168 at Huntington Lake Road.

Contact: Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°15'21.04"N, 119°9'39.10"W



18. HUNTINGTON LAKE

Located on the west side of Huntington Lake Road, three miles from Eastwood SNO-PARK. **Contact:** Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°15'5.30"N, 119°10'27.23"W



19. ROCK CREEK

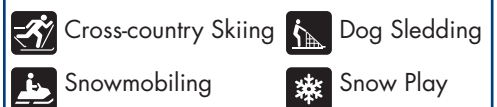
Located on the west side of Highway 395 at Rock Creek Road. **Contact:** Inyo National Forest, White Mountain Ranger District - (760) 873-2500.

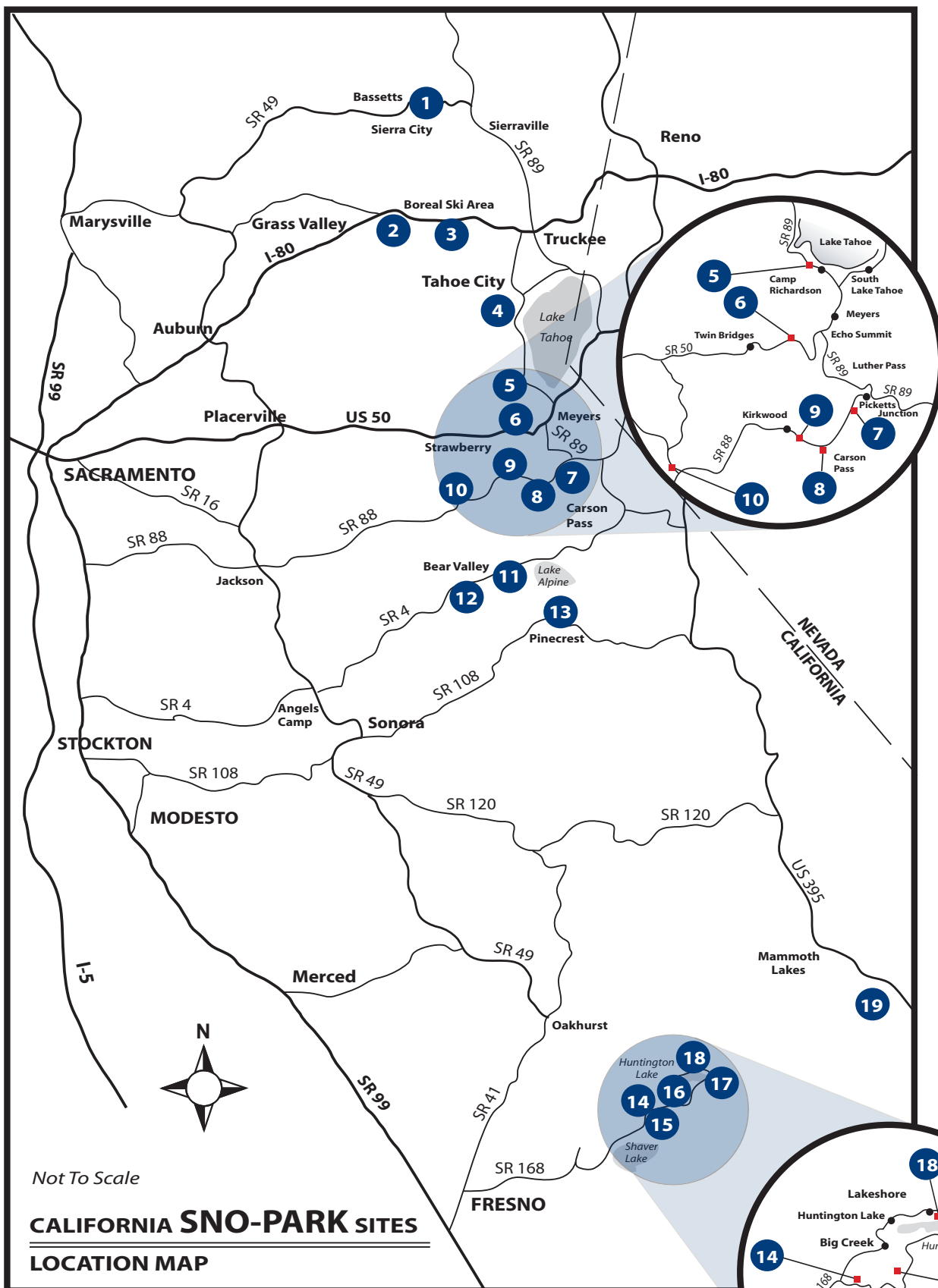
GPS: 37°29'40.18"N, 118°43'3.39"W

No snowmobiling



RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES





LEGEND

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| 1. Yuba Pass | 8. Carson Pass | 15. Tamarack |
| 2. Yuba Gap | 9. Meiss Meadow | 16. Coyote |
| 3. Donner Summit | 10. Iron Mountain | 17. Eastwood |
| 4. Blackwood Canyon | 11. Lake Alpine | 18. Huntington Lake |
| 5. Taylor Creek | 12. Spicer | 19. Rock Creek |
| 6. Echo Lake | 13. Highway 108 | |
| 7. Hope Valley | 14. Balsam Meadows | |



SNOW SAFETY



COMMUNICATE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

Before you leave home, notify friends and/or family of your planned travel route, how long you expect to be gone, and your planned time of return. Always communicate any changes to your travel plans.

WINTER SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Identification/emergency medical information
- ✓ A cell phone, two-way radio, and/or money for a pay phone
- ✓ Extra food (non-perishable) and water
- ✓ Layered, winter-appropriate clothing (avoid cotton), gloves, beanie or other cap, insulated/waterproof footwear
- ✓ Sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses/goggles
- ✓ Blankets (space blankets or wool)
- ✓ Current and relevant maps for the area you're visiting
- ✓ Compass, knife/saw, snow shovel, waterproof matches/fire starting implement, rope/cord
- ✓ Fully charged flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Stocked first aid kit, flares, and an emergency whistle

WINTER RECREATION ETHICS

- Respect the rights of all winter recreationists.
- Park your vehicle considerately; do not block access or impede traffic.
- Keep to the right on trails, and yield to traffic moving downhill.
- Do not block the trail when stopping.
- Use caution when approaching and overtaking other recreationists.
- Respect designated areas, trail-use signs, and established ski tracks.
- Do not disturb wildlife or damage vegetation—respect the outdoors.
- Stay out of areas posted as closed, and respect private property.
- If you pack it in, pack it out.
- Your recreation activities should be determined by your equipment, abilities, terrain, weather, and traffic in the area.
- Recognize that your judgment and actions directly affect the sustainability of the activities you and others enjoy.
- Pick up after your pet.

CALTRANS HIGHWAY INFORMATION NETWORK (CHIN):

To help motorists stay informed about changing road conditions, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) created the Caltrans Highway Information Network (CHIN). For up-to-the-minute information while visiting the SNO-PARKs, visitors may contact CHIN at (800) 427-7623. CHIN is updated as road conditions change and is voice-activated for safety and convenience.



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